

15 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
Dock	A facility located on the lake, which is designed to accommodate the parking and/or water storage of watercraft.
Freeboard	The vertical distance from the top of the deck of a dock to the water surface.
Encapsulated	A physical barrier between the polystyrene foam flotation and the water.
Treated Wood	Pressure treated, dimensional lumber or plywood, by a commercial supplier with preservative for use in waterways.
Gangway	A variable slope structure, which provides pedestrian access between shore and a floating structure.
“Gauged Joints”	A method of checking the tolerances in the threads done by the pipe fitter to make sure the joint is tight.
Berth or Berthing Slip	A waterside area defined by floating walkways and fingerfloats, the purpose for which is the wet storage of a boat.
Fingerfloat	A fingerlike floating structure attached perpendicular to a main walkway, which physically defines a berth and provides direct pedestrian access to and from a berthed boat.
Main Walkway	A floating structure to which several fingerfloats are attached, thereby providing direct access between the berths and shore.
Fuel Dock	A floating structure used to dispense gasoline and related service to boats.
Courtesy Dock	A floating structure located alongside a launching ramp, designed for short-term moorage of boats, and to facilitate pedestrian access to and from boats in the water.
Design High Water	A selected high water level based on hydrologic data and other appropriate records, which is to be used as a safe and practical upper limit for the design and construction of a boat launch ramp.
Design Low Water	A selected low water level based on hydrologic data and other appropriate records, which is to be used as a safe and practical lower limit for the design and construction of a boat launch ramp.
Launching Lane	A clearly delineated section of a launching ramp, designed to accommodate the launching or retrieval of one boat at a time; a launching ramp will consist of one or more launching lanes.
Launching Ramp	An inclined paved surface consisting of one or more launching lanes, extending into a fairway, and upon which boats are launched into and retrieved from the water.
Slope of Ramp	A measure of the steepness of a launching ramp, determined by dividing a launching ramp’s vertical drop by its horizontal projection, multiplied by 100. The slope will be expressed as a percentage.
Fairway	A waterway into which a launching ramp extends, and into which boats are launched and from which boats are retrieved.